

December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 11 GCSE Art, Craft and Design Information Guide, 2024 - 2025**

Please find outlined below a reminder of key information previously sent for the **Externally Set Assignment, Component 2** of the GCSE Art, Craft and Design course.

**Component 2. 40% of GCSE.** Students will receive the AQA exam paper on **Tuesday 7 January 2025**. Following receipt of the paper, students will select a starting point and will start straight away on their preparatory work. The preparation period is **only 15-weeks** including February half-term and the Easter break, and students will need to work at pace (with quality) to meet the weekly class and homework tasks. To ensure coverage of all four assessment objectives are met, students will follow the enclosed 16-week study plan. Please keep a copy to hand to prompt and encourage students to keep up-to-date with homework.

*Personal organisation, effective study skills and a dedication to the subject and the work involved are essential for students to succeed.*

**In addition, students have a five-hour practical preparation day.** This is a launch day to support students with starting the artist analysis and initial ideas for the direction of their exam project themes.

<b>Component 2 Getting started – five-hour practical prep day</b>	<b>11C Art Wednesday 15 January 2025 11D Art Thursday 16 January 2025</b>
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Resources Available:

How to annotate my sketchbook (printed copies available in the art rooms) <https://kow.fireflycloud.net/art/art-annotations>

Step by step support in how to complete the 1- 8 tasks to prepare for the 10-hour exam - *this will be emailed home in Jan 2025 once the exam paper has been released.*

Art Practical Revision sessions. All sessions will focus on student progress in preparing for the 10-hour exam. The art rooms are well equipped, and students can complete homework in school with one-to-one support. **The expectation is that ALL students attend 5 sessions.**

<b>Component 2 Practical Revision Sessions*</b> Monday 6 January to Friday 24 January 2025 Monday to Friday from 1.30pm – 2.00pm Monday to Friday from 3.15pm – 4.45pm <b>Students to attend five sessions</b>	<b>Component 2 Practical Revision Sessions</b> Tuesday 11 March to Friday 14 March 2025 Tuesday to Friday from 1.30pm – 2.00pm Tuesday to Friday from 3.15pm – 4.30pm <b>Students to attend five sessions</b>
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**The Supervised Time (exam conditions) is 10 hours and will take place over the course of two days.**

Students can refer to their sketchbook during the supervised time, but it cannot be added to, or amended, after the end of the second day. All sketchbook work will remain in school after the start of the supervised time. Students will not be allowed to return to this work at any point after the 10 hours have ended. This will be the end of their GCSE course.

**Component 2 Actual Art 10 hours of supervised time (exam conditions)**

**11C Art Thursday 24 April and Friday 25 April 2025**

**11D Art Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April 2025**

Non-exam assessment (NEA) is internally assessed by the centre and moderated by AQA during a visit in June 2025.

On course completion students will bring revision materials to their art lesson and revise for their Summer exams.

Hopefully, this gives you a clear and detailed overview of the Art course with key dates and expectation. Many thanks in advance for all the support and encouragement you can provide in the final year of the Art GCSE course.

Please contact [rweaving@kowessex.co.uk](mailto:rweaving@kowessex.co.uk) if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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